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Important Elections Coming

Night Softball League

John McGee is in charge of organizing a Softball team to represent Joshua Tree in the League formed in 29 Palms.

There are to be six teams in the League. Four are being sponsored by various business houses in 29 Palms.

Invitations were extended to Joshua Tree and Desert Chemical to sponsor the remaining two teams.

If you are interested in joining the team see John McGee at the Townsite Office.

A night Ball Park is being planned at the 29 Palms recreation grounds. It is estimated about $1,-500 will be spent for the development of the park and equipment. This fund will be met with donations. Practically all the labor is being donated by business firms who realize the value of a healthy sport of this kind.

Pioneertown

The purchase of 13,000 acres near Joshua Tree for use as a studio and resort rendezvous, was announced recently by a group of Hollywood personalities. Complete facilities for studio stages and outdoor location work have been planned for "Pioneertown."

The musical group, "The Sons of the Pioneers," featured in Republic's Roy Roged's films, and several others connected with the film industry are directly interested in the new venture.

Among the incorporators are: Russ Hayden, featured as 'Lucky" in the "Hopalong Cassidy" series, Sons of the Pioneers, directors Frank McDonald, Thomas Carr, Ralph Sanford, Tom London, Mel Griggs, Harry Stanley, Roy Rogers, Philo J. Harvey, and Dick Curtis. Curtis, a well - known western film villain, has been named manager of the enterprise.

Located just 135 miles east of Hollywood, "Pioneertown" is situated on the eastern slope of the

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Silver Anniversary Observed

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Seay, recent newcomers to Joshua Tree, were honor guests at a party given Saturday night, in the home of Mrs. Seay's sister, Mrs. Gaynell Hanson in Long Beach, who is also building an attractive home in Joshua Tree.

The occasion was a surprise planned in observance of their 25th wedding anniversary.

The evening was spent visiting and playing games. Those receiving prizes were Mr. Arthur Schmidt, Richard Seay, Mrs. Ray Williams and Mrs. Bill Carmack.

At midnight a delicious supper was served, following which Mr. and Mrs. Seay were presented with various lovely gifts, including a toastmaster electric toaster, a gift from a group of former neighbors.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schmidt, Crescent City, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Johnson, San Gabriel; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spooner, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Mendenhall, Mr. and Mrs. George Bode, and Mrs. Bill Carmack, of El Monte; Mrs. Erwin Krebs, Modesto; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams, Pasadena; Mr. and Mrs. John Allumbaugh and Miss Nathalie Waale, Alhambra; Mrs. Carolyn Smith, Los Angeles; Mrs. Gaynell Hanson, Long Beach, and their son, Richard Seay of Palm Springs.

Honor Comes To Local Man

One of the most coveted honors in literary circles came to Ozro Dodge Thomas in a letter from the International Mark Twain Society. We quote:

"Dear Mr. Thomas:

For your contribution to literature, the Executive Committee has voted you the honorary membership.

Upon your approval, the election will be confirmed and certificate issued in your name. There are no dues nor assessments.

With kind personal regards and all good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

(Signed) CYRIL CLEMENS."

Cyril Clemens is the nephew of Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain).

The list of Honorary members is a long and distinguished one. Booth Tarkington is the American Representative; Henry A. Wallace the Washington representative and Thomas E. Dewey representative of New York.

Winston Churchill has been English Representative since 1937.

Duke of Windsor, Representative for the Bahamas.

Honorary President, Harry S. Truman.

Honorary Chairman, Clement R. Attlee.

Past Honorary President, Lloyd D. George.

Honorary Vice-Presidents, George Bernard Shaw, Herbert Hoover, and Past Honorary Vice-presidents, Chiang Kai-shek, and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

A few names selected at random from the list of honorary members are: Robert Frost, Fanny Hurst, Mary Robert Rhinehart, Gen. John J. Pershing, John Maesfield, Eugene O'Neil, Upton Sinclair, Albert Einstein and H. G. Wells.

Mr. Thomas was in the JOURNAL office last Friday at the time we were busy mailing the paper. He made four people happy by presenting each of them with an autographed copy of "SHARP IS THE SWORD," the book that won him the membership in the International Mark Twain Society. The four proud possessors are Dolores Wilson, Larry Gray, John McGee and your editor. We all extended congratulations to Mr. Thomas along with our thanks. We feel sure there will be other honors coming along in recognition of his fine book.

"SHARP IS THE SWORD" is a group of prophetic poems addressed to the conquered Axis nations as well as the Victorious Allies.

Two Elections Dealing With Important School Issues

SPECIAL ELECTION APRIL 12 ON $55,000 BOND ISSUE

May 17 Election of New Member on School Board to Fill Vacancy Created By Expiration of W. E. Ketchum's Term as Clerk

June 4 Primary Ballot May Contain Request For Raising of School Tax

The coming elections are most important inasmuch as they so definitely affect the future of Joshua Tree.

Perhaps statistics are pretty dry reading but a few given here should be informative and help you as citizens to make up your minds how to cast your ballot.

From a purely percentage basis the town of Joshua Tree is growing so rapidly that it is impossible to base its future growth on counts of previous years. The town is comparatively new. Naturally no statistics compiled before the development could have any bearing on what is happening today.

SURVEY OF NOV. 1945

In November a survey was made of children in the primary grades in the Morongo School District. On January 30th, 1946, another survey was made which according to Mrs. Milo Crane, Jr., shows the following results:

The Nov. 1945 figures are taken from the "Hull Report." November 1945 there were 6 children in Morongo and in January 1946 there were 4, showing a decrease of thirty-three and one-third per cent.

Yucca Valley had 9 in November and 12 in January, increase thirty-three and one-third per cent.

Joshua Tree, 1 in November and 19 in January, INCREASE 90%.

Twentynine Palms, 103 in November and 143 in January, increase 38 per cent.

From the above figures it is easy to see which district shows the greatest increase of children requiring primary training. According to the sales of property, and intentions of the buyers who are anxious to build and get their children away from the city and its crowded conditions, it can easily be conceived that the next few months and years will show a decided increase over the above figures.

Joshua Tree citizens have always shown a spirit of cooperation and are apparently still willing to do so. However, they should have the facts placed before them clearly enough so that they know what this proposed $55,000 bond issue means to them and their children.

The mass meeting called for Thursday night, April 4, at 29 Palms had as its purpose the explanation and presentation of facts by some of those qualified to give accurate information.

MEETING AT 7 P. M. CRANE'S LUMBER CO. TO DISCUSS BOND ISSUE.

A meeting to explain the $55,00 bond issue and the future possibility of raising the school tax has been scheduled for Saturday night at 7 p.m.

Mildred and Jack Crane have again come to the front and offered their storeroom for the meeting. A large crowd is expected. This is the most vital question which has come before the taxpayers at Joshua Tree. Everyone is invited to go and ask questions.

VOTING DATE

Voting will be next Friday, April 12, afternoon and evening at the JOSHUA JOURNAL office.

This will be the first time for casting your ballot in the Joshua Tree Precinct. If you are not sure about which precinct you belong see the outline in this paper.

Voting Precincts

There will be three voting places in the Morongo School District at the forthcoming school elections, to be held on April 12 and May 17. These places are: at the school house in Yucca Valley for the Morongo precinct, at the office of JOSHUA JORNAL for Joshua Tree precinct, and at the elementary school house for Twentynine Palms precincts 1 and 2. Every elector must vote in the precinct in which he or she has his or her residence.

Twentynine Palms precincts embrace all that part of the Morongo School District which lies east of the line between townships 7 east and townships 8 east. This is the same as heretofore.

Joshua Tree precinct is separated from the old Morongo precinct. It embraces the following: T1S R7E, T1N R7E, T2N R7E, T3N R7E, T4N R7E, T1S R6E excepting sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, and 32, T1N R6E excepting sections the same as above, T2N R6E, T3N R6E, and T4N R6E.

Morongo precinct embraces all that part of the Morongo School District which lies west of Joshua Tree precinct. It includes the sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, and 32 in T1S R6E and T1N R6E, which are excluded from the Joshua Tree precinct.

Attorney for C. of C. And Women's Club Enters Senate Race

Christy J. Nelson, through the solicitation of his many friends, has been prevailed upon to announce his candidacy for nomination of State Senator of Los Angeles in the Republican party.

Mr. Nelson is well qualified to fill such a position, having had various experiences in public service and as member of various boards, both as a practitioner of the law, and also while in the United States government service, both in the United States and abroad, his friends declare.

Mr. Nelson was born in Marietta, Ohio, in 1890, and at the age of 14 years he worked in the oil fields of Texas and Louisiana until the year 1909, when he went to Oklahoma and studied law, while employed as a stenographer in law offices, and was admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of Oklahoma, in 1911, and was elected magistrate of Wagoner county, Oklahoma.

He enlisted in the army for Mexican border service in 1916, and upon the entry of the United States in World War No. 1, he was commissioned a 1st lieutenant and commanded Co. 1, 321st Service Bn., in France, and was discharged in Auust, 1919.

He then went to South America, and served as secretary to the chief of police, Panama Canal Zone, then transferred to Washinton, D. C., as law clerk in the Department of the Interior, and was admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of the United States in November 16, 1922.

He then came to California, and was assigned as Inspector of Immigration on the Mexican border, resigning from the Government service in 1925, and practicing law in down town Los Angeles until 1927, when he located in East Los Angeles, where he has been ever since practicing law.

Since 1927, Mr. Nelson has serv-

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Tomorrow Never Comes

BILL NO. H. R. 4703

Very shortly a bill is to come up in congress which greatly affects the future of Joshua Tree. This bill has to do with the boundaries of The Joshua Tree National Monument. At the last Chamber of Commerce meeting a letter was read asking the members to join with other Chamber of Commerce Groups in an effort to get the bill through. No action was taken due to lack of knowledge as to what the bill was all about.

The C. of C. meets only once a month and the next meeting may be too late for anything to be done. As an interested citizen have you looked into the matter or have you put it off until tomorrow? Have you seriously given any thought to it one way or another, or are you too busy with your own immediate problems to give any thought to the future of the town you are building?

The Town of Joshua Tree has for its very foundation, the idea of being a gateway to the National Monument which contains within its boundaries one of the greatest scenic wonders in America, the "Wonderland of rocks." This in itself will bring thousands of tourists here who, in turn will patronize our merchants and be housed in our motels and court sites.

Your government is not *primarily* interested in the park from a tourist standpoint, although this of course is a natural thing to expect where there is anything of outstanding interest to be seen. According to Jim Cole, park custodian, the government wants to preserve the natural forest of Joshua Trees. One has only to look around at some of our neighboring towns, where the Joshua trees grew in such abundance a year or so ago, to realize what will happen if some steps are not taken to preserve them. Great fields of them have been uprooted and the ground plowed under to make room for homes to be built. At the same rate there will be very few in evidence in a very short time.

Our particular neighborhood is not the only one that has a forest of these trees right at our door. Unless we take some steps to preserve this area the National Monument will be moved somewhere else. Then, perhaps, we will realize what we have lost because we put off till *tomorrow* the action that should have been taken *today*. Are we going to sit calmly by while the Railroad that owns thousands of acres of this valuable property sells it to individuals whose only thought is to strip it of its natural beauty and build for their own selfish ends?

We may say, "I'll look into that tomorrow," but TOMOROW NEVER COMES. While we are putting it off the Government will be making other plans and we will wake up some fine morning to find we have no National Monument. The appropriation for oiling of roads which is already in the hands of the committee, according to Mr. Cole, will be spent oiling roads into some other forest of Joshua Trees. Some other town will spring up which will appreciate what has come to them. Iike Esau, we will have sold our birthright for a mess of pottage.

THE SCHOOL PROBLEM

Five days after this issue is published, you will be asked to go to the polls to vote on the proposed $55,000 Bond Issue.

While the ink is drying on this issue of the paper a mass meeting is being held in 29 Palms to explain the bond issue. We wonder how many Joshua Tree people will be at this meeting.

TOMORROW night (Saturday, April 6) at 7 P.M. there is to be a meeting at the Crane Lumber Company to discuss the bond issue. We hope this will be one TOMORROW that will really come and that Joshua Tree people will turn out in full force to see that justice is done regarding a future class room or school for Joshua Tree.

No town can ever build for permanancy without the first essentials that go to make up a worthwhile town. A minister in New England once preached a sermon on "FIRST THNIGS LAST." The title is a bit misleading until we analyze it. It is the first foundations that decide whether the building will last or crumble. This applies to a Town. If we build without the necessary foundations we will, like so many of the early California towns, wake up to find we did not build into our town the quality that lasts.

A town needs a School, a Church, a Post Office and a Newspaper. Until it has all four it can scarcely do much bragging.

Again we ask the question. Are you as an individual doing anything towards this school problem that will be of future benefit to the town, or are you leaving it to the other fellow? Perhaps again you are putting off action until tomorrow, forgetting that TOMORROW NEVER COMES.

PUBLIC DRINKING FOUNTAIN

While we are on the subject, another instance of procrastination comes to mind. Many months ago at a Chamber of Commerce meeting it was voted to have a drinking fountain installed. This fountain was donated by the townsite and volunteers signified their willingness to donate the necessary labor for its installation.

The drinking fountain is still ready and waiting but where are the volunteers who offered to install it? Again they said they would do it tomorrow but up to now TOMORROW HAS FAILED TO ARRIVE. We brag about our fine water but fail to give the thirsty tourist a chance to sample it.

PRESERVATION OF LAND MARK

Lastly, one more evidence of TOMORROW NEVER COMES. We have a beautiful speciman of a Joshua Tree which marks the center of the business district. Careless drivers run into it and back up against it barking it and doing much damage. An order has been issued to have this tree framed in to protect it. The days pass by and the tree coontinues to take abuse. Just how much abuse one Joshua Tree can take is a mystery. In this particular case we feel that TOMORROW cannot come too soon.

"Hell On Wheels"

The famed "Hell on Wheels," Second Armored Division of the Army, General George Patton's original outfit, has just been opened to direct enlistment for men with previous service in any armored unit, including service elments, recruiting headquarters here announced today. Applications to enlist in this history-making division must be made on or before April 7.

Volunteers will be enlisted in grades appropriate to their previous training and experience in the armed forces.

For example, light or medium tank, or reconnaissance car crewmen with 12 months' experience will rejoin as corporals, with 18 months' experience, as sergeants, with 24 months as staff sergeants and with 30 or more months' as technical sergeants.

Similarly, men qualified by experience in other jobs in the armored units will be offered appropriate ratings, the announcement said.

The "Hell on Wheels" Division made the invasions of North Africa, Sicily and Italy, fought in northern France, the Rhineland and central Germany, rescued the troops caught in the Ardennes bulge and were the first American Division to be decorated as a unit, being entitled to wear the Belgian Croix de Guerre.

Ex-armored force men interested in being assigned directly to this outfit should apply to the nearest Army recruiting station, or at recruiting headquarters, 610 South Main Street, Los Angeles, the announcement said.

In San Bernardino at U. S. Army Recruiting Service, Room 10, 490 Court St.

TOWNSITE PRESIDENT ENTERTAINS EMPLOYEES

Last Sunday was a busy day for all the employees at the Joshua Tree Townsite office. Chester R. Bunker, president of the company realized the crew had earned a good dinner so he entertained them at the Dunes, Palm Springs.

In the party were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mitchell, Larry Gray, Vera Carrington and Mr. and Mrs. John McGee.

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America Gathers Speed

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Plans of the railroads to introduce speedier and more luxurious passenger service were revealed months ago; so news of this particular transcontinental travel improvement, in which the New York Central, and Pennsylvania lines joined with the western roads, was not altogether surprising. The news of most moment was given by Claude E. Peterson, S. P. vice president in charge of passenger service, when he said:

"Prior to the war, when earnings on regularly established lines were thin, we did not feel able to make the experiment because of the small proportion of the traveling public which was likely to use the service, according to our traffic studies. With the heavy military load, it was, of course, impossible to do anything about it during the war."

That means the abnormal war traffic, while still heavy, is beginning to lighten. And it means that the railroads foresee (since there will be no raise in rates for the new service when it is inaugurated shortly) a more prosperous America permanently, with far more people traveling on business than in the best times ever known in the past.

America is gathering speed all along the line!

GARDEN NOTES

Planting Days next week: Monday, April 8 and Friday, April 13, are your best bets for planting the coming week.

Snapdragons and petunias should do well if small seedlings are started on above days.

Both these plants were started early in April last year and continued growing throughout the winter. This spring they are strong healthy plants covered with blooms.

Experiments show better results from seedlings than seeds in the desert soil.

PIONEERTOWN PUBLICITY

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San Bernardino Mountains, near the town of Joshua Tree. Plans include the building of a Dude Ranch, an old-fashioned western town, "cover" stages, cottages, guest lodges and a large swimming pool.

Saturday night dances will be held, featuring Mel Griggs' "Sons of the Saddle" western band and a month-end dance, barbecue and rodeo which will feature the "Sons of the Pioneers" nad other western celebrities.

Production will be started soon on the first series of outdoor films and four to six series per year are scheduled.

Russel Hayden will act as associate producer and tests will be made in the near future to select likely material for starring roles.

Mrs. Mino Auspaugh of 29 Palms was in the Journal office getting acquainted with the editor.

Mr. and Mrs. Auspaugh have a ranch and are doing some very interesting things. At a later date we hope she will allow the Journal to tell you about some of their activities through the "Know Your Neighbor" column.

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Morongo Valley

Morongo Valley has experienced a real building boom during the month of March. As this goes to press, we are happy ot report the following buildings and homes nearing completion:

The Cafe of E. F. Gail, the Holloway home, the Walter home, the William Hancock home for their daughter, the Dan Murphy home, the Dave Mitchell home, Roy Wollings home, Angel's new Cafe being built by Harvey Staffensens.

Ground has been cleared on the highway by B. F. Arnold who plans to construct a large and improved hardware and plumbing supply.

Anton Turp is constructing a new cocktail bar and cafe. And the Beeker Brothers are building a large electrical shop in Morongo Annex.

All in all the valley is a busy place and more activity is anticipated for the month of April.

Sam Hoffman of the Morongo Valley Service Station has recently acquired the services of his former partner, Lloyd Trout of Hollywood. Mr. Trout is prepared to do general car repair work of all types having had his own garage and repair shop for the past 30 years.

The Morongo Valley Service Station will soon have a complete set-up, including welding and machine shop work, general repair and lubrication with three experienced men on the job.

Mr. Trout's family will move to Morongo as soon as a house is available.

New residents of Morongo Valley include Maybelle Whann and Ethel Rohen, of Hollywood, who recently purchased the Walt Hannewalt home. Mrs. Whann and Mrs. Rohen expect to erect a six unit motel on this property as soon as possible.

Mrs. Lucille Johns and daughter, who recently purchased a 10 acre tract in Morongo Annex, expect to begin building their home sometime this month. Mrs. Johns is a fiction writer from Hollywood and she plans to continue work here in the Desert.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Evers of Denver, Colo., spent a week in the C. A. Russell home in Morongo Valley. Mrs. Evers is Mrs. Russell's sister.

The Morongo Valley Chamber of Commerce are ponsoring a group of riders to represent this valley at the Palm Springs Rodeo. Entries to date include the following:

Phillip Scott, Smoke; Jack McKenzie, Topper and Lady; C. A. Russell, Pal, Polemino stallion; Nancy Hoffman, Echo; G. F. Gail, Judy; Rex Hamilton, Smoky; Mrs. Sherman, Danny Boy; Edwin Hoffman, Ambe.

A banner has been made to be carried in the parade Saturday morning at 10 a.m., April 6, 1946. All others interested in this representation contact Mrs. Helen Hoffman, Chamber of Commerce secretary at the Shell Oil Station.

The Morongo Valley Chamber of Commerce had its weekly meeting Wednesday evening at Morongo Inn. Plans were made at that time to have a representative group at the Palm Springs Rodeo. An open meeting and public barbecue is in the offing at some near future date.

Membership cards will arrive this week in time for the next meeting and will be made up and distributed within the next week.

The Journal had a very interesting "Know Your Neighbor" for this week. Someone you all know but few realize what he has done against great handicaps.

Look for the story in next week's paper.

YUCCA VALLEY NEWS

The Vernon Brown family have recently rented the Sam Hoffman home in Yucca Valley and expect to be residents of this valley for some time to come. They have three children and are a welcome addition to our midst.

The Hoffmans recently moved to Morongo Valley to be closer to their business interests.

"This Is Me"

That long a-a-a-h you hear, that wave of relief you feel sweeping throughout the English-speaking world, comes not because the Iranian crisis has dissolved, the Russian riddle dissipated, or fascism departed from Spain and Argentina. No, none of these. But Winston Churchill has just said, "This is me!"

That roar of triumph, those lifted heads, those shoulders squared—whence and why? Millions, otherwisce free and proud, who have too long felt secret shame, can now face the purists eye to eye, and even sneer a bit. Winston too says, "This is me."

Ten years ago the National Council of Teachers of English wrote the Declaration of Independence from the tyranny of "I". But it has taken the prestige of Churchill's eloquence to finally strike the shackles.

Who is this speaking? This is me!

From Christian Science Monitor, March 25, 1946, Boston, Mass.

AUDIE L. MURPHY, Hollywood, America's most decorated soldier —"What good are all our citations and decorations if what we did to earn them is so quickly forgotten. What good are they to a veteran without a roof over his head?"

Between the Book Ends

By DOLORES WILSON

Among the best sellers in Los Angeles, a week or two ago, was a book called "David the King," by Gladys Schmitt. It is a Biblical story, but with all the embellishments of modern, so-called realism.

It deals mostly with the reign of King David in Israel, but, also, tells the story of how David came into power, and how he degenerated from a young man and powerful monarch into just another old man, weeping over his lost youth, and the faithlessness of his sons. It also makes very real the life and love of David with each of his six wives, as well as his relationship with and the characters of his closest followers. And, we find that though the outward things, such as dress, manner of living, etc., were vastly different in those days, the people themselves were much the same. Men made wars, and fought and killed—even David himself, and his sons, stopped at nothing—to obtain power.

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Flying News From 'K' Field

Dick Mayo and Dick Sullivan sandwiched a few hours flying between windstorms this week and Pat Wiser cross-countried to Banning Airport. Jack Cones hoisted a bright red wind sock to indicate the wind direction at his landing field. Elwood Hartzell has started a refresher course towards his commercial license. He has over 200 flying hours which he accumulated previous to the war.

The Desert Flying Club is being organized by local flying enthusiasts. Through this club one may get a pilots license at a minimum cost. If you are interested contact Sid Lippon at Kings Service Station or Bill Putnam at K Field.

Over the weekend, Don Downey and Ray Rex flew in from Puente Sky Ranch in a Fairchild PT-19. Ray Parker and Harley Porter from San Diego, dropped in to chat and fly. Mr. Parker will soon be moving his soaring school from San Diego to K Field. Harry Comer, a former Twentynine Palms instructor was a visitor at K Field.

DR. JAMES M. WOOD, pres. Stephens College for girls, addressing California alumnae — "Any girl from 16 to 20 is a bobby soxer, whether the year is 1906, 1926 or 1946—and there's not a thing wrong with them!"

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Personal

Dr. Jeanette Moynier, who was out last Sunday, bought part of the Horstman property on the highway. She also purchased a residential lot.

Dr. Moynier did not disclose just what she intends doing with her highway property but she did say she might put up some sort of a business building.

Bill Youker is in Sawtelle Hospital. His friends in Joshua Tree send him their best wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery.

Talking to Inez Stoffel the other day she mentioned the fact that John has some business requiring his attention in Steamboat Springs. She said they might both go back.

Wouldn't a better suggestion be for John to leave Inez here, then he would be sure to come back.

Joshua Tree needs people like the Stoffels.

Archie and Mrs. Williams who were well like here have moved to Calimesa where they are building a new five-room house with a two car garage. They have about 250 fruit trees on the place so they have plenty of work ahead of them.

Word has been received that Col. Allen Reeves, father of Terry Smith and Boots Turner is ill in the Army hospital in West Virginia. Col. Reeves was wounded while on duty on the Normandy Beach, France in 1943. As a result of this wound it was found necessary to have his leg amputated. Boots, who was with her father reports that he is getting along well and that she is happy to have been with him during the trying ordeal.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Lehenbauer are home after a month's vacation. They toured through Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, and Arkansas staying with friends and relatives along the route. They had a fine trip but are glad to be home.

Frank Lehenbauer, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Lehenbauer has decided to go into farming in a big way. He and his wife have just purchased eighty acres in Southeast Missouri.

Joe Norris has been visiting his father-in-law, Dewey Below and Mrs. Below since Monday. Joe expects to stay about two weeks. He is particularly interested in the wide open spaces as it gives him a chance to practice his singing. His teacher who has trained many of our noted singers has predicted a brilliant future for him. He has already done some concert work.

About three weeks ago he was here and entertained a group of our local people at the clubhouse. He owns property here and contemplates building sometime in the future.

T. C. Malone who purchased the Red Top station and property from Archie Williams has taken possession and is already doing business. He has a partner, Edward A. Latham who does not expect to take any active part at the present time as he has other interests which keep him busy in San Bernardino. He is Steward for the Home Supply Company there.

Mr. Malone was in the accounts payable department of the Studebaker Corporation, Los Angeles, for 10 years. He was supervisor of production control in a large aircraft plant for about five years. Now he has decided to work for himself in a country where he can enjoy sunshine and desert climate.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilson who have a cabin about two miles from Joshua Tree were out for the weekend. They entertained Mrs. F. C. Buffington from Upland, who is Mr. Wilson's sister. Mrs. Wilson's sister, Minnie Richardson, also was with them. Both Mrs. Wilson and Miss Richardson are sisters of A. T. Richardson one of the editors of the Pomona paper. Ine one of our recent issues we mentioned the very nice editorial Mr. Richardson wrote in his paper about Joshua Tree. If we can get a copy we will print the whole article as many people have expressed a desire to read it.

Elizabeth Grover of Section No. 1 Technocracy, Inc., Los Angeles, together with Mrs. Jos Witter, Section No. 16, Los Angeles, were guests of Mrs. Dicey Pingle for three days last week.

Mrs. Pingle took them through the monument and other places of interest. Result: They want to build in Joshua Tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Pingle have started building on their lot here and expect to move from 29 Palms about the 10th of this month. They will live in temporary quarters while finishing their home on Valley View Ave.

McGEE-BISHOP FEUD CONTINUES

Nat says John has been slinging a bit of his poetry at him so here's one he would like to write to him. He says McGee isn't the only one that can make rhymes in Joshua Tree.

Old man McGee is a merry old soul
He built a little house down in a hole
You look at it from the front,
Or look at it from the back
Still it is a little old shack.
His poor wife is sick
Over the whole mess
So don't you think he's an awful pest?

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First Tuesday of each month 8 p.m. Yucca Valley Post 468 American Legion at Legion Hall, Yucca Valley.

First Wednesday each month Yucca Valley Womans Club

First Friday of each month 2:30 p.m. Board meeting of Joshua Tree Women's Club. Watch bulletin board for meeting place.

Second Saturday of each month 8 p.m. Chamber of Commerce meeting. Board meeting 7 p.m. same night. Watch bulletin board for place of meetings.

Third Friday of each month 2:30 p.m. Joshua Tree Women's Club meeting at Club House, Joshua Tree.

Every Saturday night, dance at Yucca Valley School House, sponsored by Yucca Valley Women's Club.

CHRISTY J. NELSON CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATOR

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ed as official member or honorary member of practically every fraternal, civic or service organization in East Los Angeles. During the war time he served his community in many capacities, the principal ones being Secretary of the War Council, chairman of the Civil Liberties committee, captain of auxiliary police, legal adviser of the Draft Boards of East Los Angeles, and treasurer of the United Service Organization.—E. Los Angeles Tribune.—March 28.

HARTLEY F. PEART, past pres. S. F. Bar Assn.—"The principal reason for the notably slow progress of women in business is the remarkable egotism of men."

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While the growth of Joshua Tree has been phenomenal in the past three years, we must admit we cannot equal the hypothetical speed of that gray squirrel.

Even with the labor and material shortages of the war years we have achieved a well-planned town with a population of over 300. We have a very active Chamber of Commerce, Women's Club, convenient airport and modern utilities. An abundant supply of pure, sparkling water is available and supplied to property owners at extremely low cost.

Because of the physical and climatic advantages of this particular area, people from every section of the country are making this their home. The many advantages to be found here are not all man-made. The daily sunshine and the mild climate throughout the year have always been here and are now in the process of being discovered by discriminating people who appreciate finer living.

Located at the western gateway to the Joshua Tree National Monument park, the town of Joshua Tree is well situated to cater to the needs of the thousands of tourists annually lured by the area's scenic beauty.

It will prove wise for you to visit Joshua Tree while choice locations are available for Home or Business Sites. We predict an unusual growth with the increased supply of available building materials.

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